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EDITORIAL NOTES

CRIME NO. 46.

"The Drugless Healer Act," initiative measure No. 46 on the election ballot to be voted for November 3rd, is nothing less than a crime; it has been put on the ballot largely through misrepresentation to those who signed the initiative petition.

It would license anyone who has practised any sort of drugless healing for six months previous; chiropodists, barbers, masseurs, etc., and without any consideration of education, good moral character, etc.

All this horde of ignorant, illiterate quacks and worse would be authorized to use the designation "Dr." and to call themselves "doctor."

They may not prescribe medicines, but they may do any sort of surgery; they may not give an ointment for a sore arm, but they may cut it off.

They are authorized to sign birth and death certificates and any other public certificates or documents required to be signed by a doctor.

It would not directly hurt the medical profession, but it would be a calamity to the public who cannot discriminate between unknown people when they are all called alike, doctor.

There would be no way for the innocent, sick stranger to know whether he was calling in a quack or a regular physician, and he would be the sufferer.

If the initiative is carried at the election, it becomes a law without further action by the Legislature; the matter will be settled on November 3rd, at the polls.

Initiative No. 46 should be voted down by the people for their own protection.

How many voters can you explain this to before election day?

REAL THANKS-GIVING.

In this month of November comes the day that is customarily set apart by the President of the United States as a day on which all the people of this country should give thanks for life, liberty and an opportunity for the pursuit of happiness. Perhaps the day has been looked upon, for many years, in a perfunctory way, merely as another welcome holiday, its significance not perceived. But how about this year? Will there not be, in the heart of every one of us who thinks, some very real feeling of thanks for the inestimable blessings our forefathers have handed down to us in those three things—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Has there been a time in nearly half a century when we had such good and sufficient cause to give earnest and sincere thanks? Our population is made up of the peoples of all countries and doubtless there is hardly a city in the land in which there is not some home saddened by the thought of a relative who has gone into the hungry maw of the European war devil; these will be sad, but at least they live in peace. Many, nearly all, salaried people have had some reduction made in their incomes, either directly or through the increase in the cost of what they must buy; many have lost their employment; producers, in the main, have been unable to market their produce. But patience and courage will see the end of this tightness; what the earth produces is needed by the people of the earth for their consumption, and eventually it must be marketed and paid for and consumed. Also, work must be done and labor must be compensated, for "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and so those whose employment has gone will, in time, find other lines of activity; other employment. We have peace and we have a chance to live and work for a living; and while we may, for the time being, have to cut out some of the luxuries or the inessentials, we still may pursue happiness in innumerable innocent and inexpensive ways. Surely, and of a certainty, we have many things to give profound thanks for; and but a second's thought of the unspeakable Hell of Europe, at this present time, will convince the most unhappy or pessimistic individual that now, if ever, is a real Thanks-Giving day appropriate.

A. M. A. MEETING, JUNE 1915

Whatever you do or do not do, don't forget the meeting of the American Medical Association in San Francisco in the third week in June 1915.

Begin now to remember it and to make up your mind to attend that session.

Remember, too, that there will be other medical meetings of great interest in San Francisco the week before and the week after the A. M. A. meeting. Plan now so that you can attend some or all of these. Announcements will be made later of the societies and the dates of their meetings and other items of interest in connection therewith.

Remember, too, that the Exposition will be open and that you will want to see it and study many things exhibited in it. Take your holiday in San Francisco in June next year and combine profit and pleasure and entertainment.